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# Bru refugee crisis

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**Why is in news?** Home Minister Amit Shah reviews implementation of Bru agreement with CM Tripura Manik Saha in New Delhi

- **Bru or Reang is a community indigenous to Northeast India**, living mostly in **Tripura, Mizoram and Assam**.
- In **Tripura**, they are recognised as a **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group**.
- In **Mizoram**, they have been targeted by groups that do **not consider them indigenous to the state**.
- In **1997**, following **ethnic clashes**, nearly 37,000 Brus fled Mamit, Kolasib and Lunglei districts of Mizoram and were accommodated in relief camps in Tripura.
- In June **2018**, community leaders from the Bru camps **signed an agreement with the Centre and the two state governments**, providing for repatriation in Mizoram. But most camp residents rejected the terms of the agreement.
- The camp residents said that the agreement didn't guarantee their safety in Mizoram.
- The Centre, the governments of Mizoram and Tripura and leaders of Bru organisations signed a **quadripartite agreement in January (2020)**.
- Under the pact, the **Home Ministry has committed to incur the whole expenditure of settlement in Tripura**.



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